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Lebanon

Hostage Crisis — Syria has begun mediating to secure the release of the U.S. hostages in response to a request from President Reagan, the Damascus paper *AL-BA'TH* disclosed in a report cited by Beirut radio 28 June. Meanwhile, Israel's *DAVAR* reported that the United States and Israel have reached an agreement in principle whereby the latter would release its Lebanese detainees in stages in exchange for the release of all U.S. hostages in Lebanon, including the seven Americans kidnapped before the hijacking. However, Hezbollah has rejected Amal movement leader Nabih Birri's request for the release of 11 kidnapped people it is holding, according to an adviser to Birri cited by the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon.

Syrian Deployment — The Syrians are thinning out their forces in Lebanon and have not advanced toward the Israeli border since the IDF withdrawal, Israeli Defense Minister Yitzhaq Rabin noted in remarks reported by Jerusalem radio. Arab sources in London cited by Israel's *HA'ARETZ* contended that the Syrian troop withdrawals from the northern Al-Biqa' Valley have been made possible by a Soviet undertaking to give Syria indirect or even direct assistance in the event of an Israeli attack on Syrian forces in the Al-Biqa'.

Jordan

Jordan supports Iraq's stand against the Libyan-Iranian alliance and completely condemns the 23 June Libyan-Iranian joint communique as a "blatant deviation" from the charter, resolutions, and defense agreement of the Arab League, a Foreign Ministry spokesman announced in a statement carried by Amman television. The spokesman viewed Libya's military support for Iran as a "serious development" in Arab relations and urged other Arab states to "firmly confront" the Libyan stand.

In another development, the television broadcast a message from the speaker of the Jordanian parliament to his Kuwaiti counterpart denouncing and protesting the latter's "unjust charges" against Jordan and the PLO contained in a 25 June speech to the Kuwaiti National Assembly.

Iran-Iraq War

Iraqi warplanes attacked and hit another large maritime target near Khark Island early 28 June, an Iraqi military spokesman announced in a statement cited by INA. Earlier, Tehran radio and IRNA claimed that Iranian forces had repulsed Iraq's counter-attacks in the Hawr al-'Azim and Majnun Island region. Nevertheless, INA cited Iraqi press reports that the Iraqis have recaptured the southern Majnun oil field, fortifying their new positions.

Iran-PRC

Iran and the PRC have decided to establish a joint committee to promote bilateral economic and technical cooperation, Tehran radio disclosed in a report on Majlis Speaker 'Ali Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani's first round of talks with PRC Premier Zhao Ziyang.

Pakistan-DRA

"Considerable progress" was made at the fourth round of Geneva talks on Afghanistan, although no progress was made on a program for the withdrawal of Soviet forces because the Soviet conditions for withdrawal have not changed, Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan stated in remarks reported by Karachi radio. Pakistan has agreed that the talks should continue on all issues, "excluding the question of withdrawal of forces," he added.

Visiting PRC Defense Minister Zhang Aiping reaffirmed China's support for Pakistan's policy on Afghanistan in a Rawalpindi banquet speech cited by Karachi radio. Zhang is the first PRC defense minister to visit Pakistan, where he will meet President Ziaul Haq and inspect military installations, XINHUA noted earlier.

Meanwhile, Kabul radio carried a BAKHTAR statement accusing the United States of expanding the "undeclared war" against the DRA, contending that a "flood of advanced weapons" is reaching the rebels through Pakistan.

Sudan

Transitional Military Council (TMC) Chairman 'Abd al-Rahman Siwar al-Dhahab has told Libya's Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi that Sudan is unable at present to consider any form of union with Libya, according to a press report cited by Omdurman radio. Meanwhile, Cairo MENA disclosed that Sudanese Defense Minister General 'Uthman 'Abdallah Muhammad will begin a 3-day visit to Libya 29 June and that he will visit Egypt in July. For the SPLA's part, a spokesman cited by its clandestine radio blamed the TMC for the continuation of the war in the south, claiming that the SPLA has no interest in prolonging a costly war that has been "forced upon it by Siwar al-Dhahab's adamant refusal to hand over power to the people."

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Delegation Attends CEMA Session, Meets With Filipov

LD272141 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 27 Jun 85

[Text] On 25 June in Warsaw the 40th annual meeting of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance was opened by Wojciech Jaruzelski, general secretary of the Polish United Workers Party and chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Polish People's Republic.

Abdul Majid Sarboland, vice chairman of the Council of Ministers of the DRA, who is heading the Afghanistan observer delegation, gave his speech in the morning of that day and also met Grisha Filipov, chairman of the Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of Bulgaria on 25 June and exchanged views on matters of economic cooperation between the DRA and People's Republic of Bulgaria.

The work of the annual meeting of the council, which started on 25 June, continued up to today.

DYOA Central Committee Plenum Held 26 June

LD272017 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 26 Jun 85

[Text] The 12th DYOA Central Committee plenum was held in the Committee headquarters today and specified the future duties of the members of the organization in relation to intensifying mass political work of youth and their further participation in defending the homeland and revolution.

The DYOA during this plenum once more asked all its members to enhance and intensify political work among the masses according to the instructions and decisions of the 15th PDPA Central Committee plenum and Grand Assembly of the DRA, and to carry out their patriotic tasks for the welfare and tranquility of the homeland, defending the homeland and revolution, growth of the national economy and enhancing the standard of living of the toiling people of the country.

The plenum emphasized that strengthening and intensifying political work among the youth and enhancing their political activities is a necessary condition for solving the present problems in the country. At this moment all the attention of the party and political measures should be directed toward making the youth understand current events and enhancing their level of awareness for the benefit of peace and fruitful and prosperous work in their homeland and for the national sovereignty.

The DYOA Central Committee plenum drew the attention of all committees and organization of the DYOA to the fact that under the conditions of the undeclared war by reaction and imperialism against revolutionary Afghanistan, the consolidation of the DRA Armed Forces and the organization of decisive victory of youth over counterrevolution are important and valuable revolutionary work.

A BAKHTAR correspondent reports that present at the work of this plenum were Mahmud Barialay, candidate member of Poliburo and secretary of the Central Committee of the PDPA; a number of party Central Committee members; secretaries of party provincial committees; leaders of branches of the Armed Forces, a number of secretaries of district committees of Kabul Province and wards of Kabul city; and representatives from the Ministry of Vocational and Higher Education and the Ministry of Education.

At the beginning of the work of the plenum, Farid Ahmad Mazdak, first secretary of the DYOA Central Committee read out the report of the work and activities of DYOA between the two plenums. After the presentation of the report, eight of the participants spoke and expressed their readiness to implement the decisions of the 12th plenum of the DYOA.

'Undeclared War' by Imperialism Expanding

LD272248 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 27 Jun 85

[Text] Here is a statement of the BAKHTAR INFORMATION AGENCY:

The undeclared war that has been unleashed against our homeland, people and revolution by reaction and imperialism under the leadership and direct participation of criminal U.S. imperialism is expanding. International imperialism is intensifying more than ever its intervention in the DRA's internal affairs. The flood of advanced weapons and equipment for murder, death, plunder and destruction in the DRA is reaching our country via the territories of our neighboring countries, Iran and mainly Pakistan. The independence, national sovereignty and territorial integrity of the DRA have been increasingly threatened by regional reaction, imperialism and hegemonism.

In this treacherous war, which the seditious and filthy forces of reaction and imperialism have unleashed against our revolutionary country, propaganda warfare and the lunatic psychological warfare against Afghanistan play a very important role. With the intensification of the undeclared war against our country, the waves of false and hostile propaganda of the reactionary and imperialist propaganda machinery against our homeland have recently been increased in an unprecedented and astronomical way. The enemy resorts to every dirty means in this filthy war. The recent anti-Afghan statements by Brzezinski, national security adviser of the former U.S. president, and the seditious measures taken by the ruling Socialist Party of France toward bringing together its European partners in an anti-Afghan scenario, which begins today, are examples of the hysterical propaganda designs against our country and people.

During the period following the victory of the April Revolution the organizers of the psychological war in the West -- under the direction of its main operators, that is, the imperialist espionage organizations and primarily the hellish CIA organization -- have used thousands of tons of paper in order to distort the truth of the April Revolution and change the true face of Afghanistan in international public opinion. Thousands of hours of radio and television broadcasts have been transmitting hostile statements on the people and revolution of Afghanistan. And there are hundreds of books on distorting the truth about revolutionary Afghanistan.

However, experience has shown that, despite all these bestial hostilities, the April Revolution not only did not turn back from its path, but the people of Afghanistan have frustrated all intrigues and conspiracies of the enemy with ten times their energy and dealt shattering blows to the interventionists and reactionary and imperialist aggressors.

The lunatic propaganda wave against Afghanistan, recently begun by the West, particularly on the eve and during the course of negotiations in Geneva for finding a solution to the situation surrounding Afghanistan, once again and categorically proves that imperialism, which is the main agent of tension, in no way desires the situation surrounding Afghanistan to be resolved by peaceful means nor seeks lasting peace and security for the region. The West does not conceal the fact that tension and the continuation of instability in the region are in their greedy strategic interests. On the other hand the present opportunity for outlining anti-Afghan propaganda by the gigantic lies-manufacturing machinery of imperialism has by no means been chosen incidently.

Recently revolutionary rule in the country has been strengthened and consolidated from day to day. The convocation of the Loya Jirga of the elected representatives of the people of Afghanistan and their results showed that the Afghan people with their souls and hearts are on the side of the PDPA and the DRA. They not only accept the path of revolution but are struggling for it with self-sacrifice.

The recent shameful defeats of the counterrevolutionary bands in the country and the resolute determination of the people, party and state toward decisively defending the independence, national sovereignty and borders of their homeland, have seriously scared imperialism and reaction of the region. And it has created deep crises in the ranks of the counterrevolution.

Another aim of this wave of propaganda is to denigrate these victories in order to eliminate crisis in the ranks of the counter-revolution and to raise their broken morale. Imperialism knows that with the final victory of the April Revolution, revolutionary Afghanistan will be transformed into a guiding star and the source of aspirations of the persecuted peoples of the region. By intensifying the propaganda war they want to turn these aspirations of the workers into despair.

If the architects of the psychological terror of the people of Afghanistan believe that with this dirty propaganda war they will deter the people of Afghanistan from the path that they have chosen or weaken the revolution or revolutionary sovereignty, they ought to once again revise the lessons of the 7 years after the victory of the April Revolution. Now the time has come when they should confess their defeat and agree to put an end to this futile struggle. We will never retreat one step from our stand which is the stand of righteousness.

The lunatic wave of propaganda of the heretic forces and in particular the extensive wave of propaganda unleashed recently by imperialism and reaction, is the mark of our righteousness and the proof of our victory. The people of Afghanistan proved that to whatever extent the undeclared war of reaction and imperialism against their homeland and revolution has intensified and expanded in all areas, to that extent they have become more united and secure in their positions of defending the homeland and revolution. Let our enemies continue their hue and cry, the progress of revolution cannot be turned back and is striving ahead.

SPA: Mujahidin Down Soviet Helicopters

GF271414 Riyadh SPA in Arabic 1335 GMT 27 Jun 85

[Text] Islamabad, 27 Jun (SPA) — The Afghan mujahidin downed two Soviet helicopters on 15 June 1985. Meanwhile, the Soviet offensive in the (Abajman) area has continued, resulting in heavy casualties on both sides. This was reported by Afghan resistance sources which indicated that the Soviet offensive in Abajman began in late May and early June. Large groups of mujahidin in the area confronted the Communist aggression.

SPA: Mujahidin Report Killing of USSR Troops

GF271803 Riyadh SPA in Arabic 1705 GMT 27 Jun 85

[Text] London, 27 Jun (SPA) — Violent clashes have taken place in Darvazeh Valley in Badakhshan Velayat-e between the Afghan mujahidin and the invading forces. More than 40 Soviet soldiers and 100 Afghan civilians were killed. The Afghan mujahidin news agency today said that the mujahidin inflicted severe losses on the Soviet forces.

Panjsher District Undergoing Renovations

LD271751 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 26 Jun 85

[Text] Schools, lycees, public health and cultural centers, and other social services in the Panjsher District and its villages, despite the conspiracies, intrigues and attacks by counterrevolutionary elements, are being revived and reactivated with the direct help and cooperation of the people and the Armed Forces. At present, the 280 pupils of the Unaba Lycee, who are taught by 27 teachers, besides attending to their education, have taken up arms to defend their region and school. A number of literacy courses have been created in the Panjsher District and a number of the toilers have been organized at them.

Quoting Mohammad Sediq Karamkhel, the district governor of Panjsher, a BIA correspondent reports that the constuction work of the new building of the Panjsher District in Rukha has been advanced more than 40 percent at present and according to plan it will be completed at the end of the current year at a total cost of 15 million afghanis, including its health clinic.

Also, construction of the new Unaba school building in Panjsher District, which was founded in 1984, is continuing and is scheduled to be completed within the year.

The district governor of Panjsher added: The repair and revival of schools and cultural centers which had been destroyed or burned by the rebels is continuing; the construction and repair work of schools in Rukha village and other localities in the Panjsher District has begun and a number of schools and cultural

centers will be reactivated by the Sonbola of the current year [Aug-Sept 85] with the cooperation of the toiling people of Panjsher, shoulder to shoulder with the officers and men of the Armed Forces in that district.

A total of 50 schools and lycees, including village schools, lycees and secondary schools, have been destroyed or burned by the counterrevolution elements in the Panjsher District.

The toiling people of the Panjsher District are condemning the inhuman and anticultural actions of the rebels and are indignant because of the destruction and burning of the schools which has resulted in depriving the children of their education.

The party and social organs have begun functioning and the people are being organized to join them. As a result of the voluntary and collective work, which has been carried out with the help of the revolution guards, people and the officers and men of the Armed Forces in various areas of social services such as road construction, the construction and repair of bridges, means of transportation, and public health centers, the problems of the people have been alleviated to a certain extent.

More than 50 bridges were repaired and constructed during 1984 and also more than 30 irrigation canals have been cleaned out with the help of the people and members of social organizations.

The survey of the construction of canals and dams, which are being constructed by modern methods, has begun and it is envisaged that their construction will begin in the near future.

In the area of agricultural services, great assistance in supplying chemical fertilizer, pesticides, cultivating seeds, and others has been given to the peasants in Panjsher and its environs. In order to collect the wheat crops in Panjsher District, sufficient tools and machines for reaping and plowing have been put at the disposal of the farmers. Some 2,000 hectares of land wheat, more than 770 hectares of barley, about 7,600 hectares of maze, and more than 60 hectares of potatoes were cultivated during 1984.

Speaking about the reconstruction and revival of mosques and shrines which have been destroyed by the rebels, the district governor of Panjsher said: It is anticipated that a number of mosques that have been destroyed by the counterrevolutionary elements will be repaired and revived in the current year. At present, two mosques have been repared in Unaba village as a result of voluntary work. The repair and revival of mosques in other parts of Panjsher is continuing. Also, according to plan, a communal mosque will be built in Unaba.

Regarding the public health centers, the Panjsher District governor said that the construction work of the public health center in Rukha, the district capital, will begin in the near future. A health center has been built in Unaba village, which is being used by the toiling people of the area.

The distribution of primary consumer goods, including foodstuffs and primary goods to the people of Panjsher District, has been continuing for 1 year now. The deserving people every day receive foodstuff and goods such as flour, cooking oil, tea, soap, sugar, milk, blankets, clothes, footware and other items. Stationery, suits, shoes, and other goods are being distributed free of charge to pupils.

In order to illuminate Unaba village and Rukha of Panjsher District, last year two generators with a capacity of 140 kw were installed and are functioning.

Also school children, district administration officials, Revolution Guards and members of other party and social organizations have voluntarily taken up arms in order to repulse the attacks of the savage rebels in the Panjsher District, which are disrupting the peaceful life of that area, and they have been organized into security posts and revolution defense groups.

Gandhi Views Sri Lanka-Tamil Negotiations

HK271318 Hong Kong AFP in English 1154 GMT 27 Jun 85

[Text] New Delhi, June 27 (AFP) — Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi today expressed hope that a solution to Sri Lanka's ethnic problem would be found amicably, PRESS TRUST OF INDIA (PTI) reported.

PTI said two Tamil members of the Indian Parliament, who had called on the prime minister here today, quoted Mr. Gandhi as telling them he hoped the solution would be found shortly through friendly negotiations.

The Sri Lanka Government has announced it would meet with Tamil groups in Bhutan to iron out a solution to a lengthy, bloody separatist campaign. An Indian newspaper report this week said India was arranging for a "secret meeting" to be held between the Sri Lankan Government and the Tamils in Bhutan.

Commission To Probe Violence Begins Work

BK271300 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 27 Jun 85

[Text] The additional district sessions judge of Delhi, Mr R.L. Gupta, has been appointed secretary to the Ranganath Mishra Inquiry Commission. It is going into the allegations of incidents of organized violence following the assassination of Mrs Indira Gandhi. A Home Ministry spokesman told newsmen in New Delhi today that the commission has started functioning as the office facilities and staff have been provided. The commission is to submit its report by the end of October.

U.S., Canadian Envoys on Dealing With Terrorism

BK271621 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 27 Jun 85

[Text] The United States and Canadian envoys in New Delhi have assured India of their governments' full cooperation in dealing with terrorist activities. The U.S. ambassador, Mr Barnes, and the Canadian High commissioner, Mr W.T. Warden, met the foreign secretary, Mr Romesh Bhandari, in New Delhi separately and expressed their distress at the Air India plane crash.

Mr Barnes was making his farewell call on the foreign secretary. Dr Warden told Mr Bhandari there is deep concern in Canada over the crash in which 280 of the 329 victims were Canadian citizens.

Restricted Areas Order Extended in Punjab

BK271412 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 27 Jun 85

[Text] The Foreigners Restricted Areas Order, now in force in the whole of Punjab, has been extended for a further period till 2 November. This was announced by the Union Home Ministry in New Delhi today.

Under this order, no person holding a foreign passport can enter the state for any purpose without obtaining a special permission.

38 Killed in Floods, Landslides in Kerala

BK271619 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 27 Jun 85

[Text] In Kerala, 38 people have lost their lives in floods, landslides and sea erosion since the onset of monsoon. In the worst affected hill district of Idduki, 26 people were killed in landslide in the last 3 days. Nine persons are feared dead in a fresh landslide at (Mailani), near (Mula Mattam), this morning. Seven bodies have been recovered, and the search is continuing for others.

The state government has mounted relief and rescue operations on a massive scale.

President Reiterates Peaceful Goal of Atomic Program

BK270923 Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu 0800 GMT 27 Jun 85

[Text] President Mohammad Ziaul Haq has reiterated that Pakistan's atomic program is for peaceful purposes only and its objective is to meet requirements in the fields of of energy, agricultural production and medicine. He stated this while inaugurating the international summer college on physics and contemporary needs in Islamabad today. He said Pakistan is not making any atomic bomb or any destructive weapon and added that the objective of the propaganda against Pakistan is to defame it and rob it of progress in science. The president said that Pakistan has offered to make this area a nuclear-free zone and Pakistan is against discriminatory treatment in the context of nuclear nonproliferation.

Prime Minister Views Martial Law, Nuclear Program

BK271553 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 27 Jun 85

[Text] Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo has reiterated that the question of lifting martial law is a matter of a few months, not years. Talking informally to newsmen in Rawalpindi this afternoon, he said the government is waiting for the political committee's recommendations in this regard, and as soon as these recommendations are submitted to the government, they will be presented to Parliament for an appropriate program for lifting martial law.

When asked to comment on a neighboring country's propaganda against Pakistan's nuclear program, Mohammad Khan Junejo said Pakistan has categorically stated on many occasions that its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes only, and that it is strictly adhering to that stand.

Further on Yaqub Khan's Remarks on Geneva Talks

BK271658 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 27 Jun 85

[Text] The foreign minister has said that the indirect Geneva talks on Afghanistan have been positive and that considerable progress has been made in the fourth round of negotiations. He said these four major points relate to the withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan under a mutually decided program, noninterference, the return of Afghan refugees to their homeland in honor and dignity, and international guarantees. [Sentence as heard]

The foreign minister said in Pakistan's view, the most important aspect of the talks is the withdrawal of foreign forces under a mutually decided program, and it was recognized during the talks that no settlement can be reached without this important aspect.

The foreign minister said no progress was made with regard to the program for the withdrawal of forces because the Soviet stand is that the forces will be withdrawn only after the cessation of interference there, and the Soviet stand has not changed. However, he said, Pakistan has agreed that the talks should be continued on all issues, excluding the question of withdrawal of forces. He said Pakistan also attaches great importance to the question of consultation with the Afghan refugees in connection with their return to their homeland in safety.

Sahabzada Yaqub Khan said that during the fourth round of talks, matters regarding international guarantees, especially their scope and nature, were also discussed. Talks are to be held with the guarantors regarding these guarantees.

About the possibility of direct talks with the Kabul regime, the foreign minister said that if conditions reach a stage at which direct talks are suitable, then there will be no reason for us not to hold direct talks. But the conditions have not reached that stage, he added.

Answering a question on the Soviet stand — that the withdrawal of forces should not be linked with a package settlement — the foreign minister said all aspects of the package settlement should be included in the comprehensive solution.

In reply to another question, he asked how an agreement can be effective and lasting without Iran's participation [in the talks]. Sahabzada Yaqub Khan said Iran has been and is being kept informed of the progress of the talks. The Iranian deputy foreign minister, who is arriving in Islamabad today, will be briefed about all aspects of the negotiations.

PRC Defense Minister Arrives for Visit 27 Jun

BK271543 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 27 Jun 85

[Text] Chinese Defense Minister Zhang Aiping arrived in Islamabad on an 8-day official visit to Pakistan. He was received by, among others, Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan at the airport. Two beautifully dressed children presented bouquets to the Chinese defense minister.

Welcoming the Chinese guest, Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan said the people of Pakistan greatly value their friendship with China and hope that his visit will help consolidate friendly relations.

Zhang Aiping appreciated the spirit of cooperation and mutual trust between Pakistan and China and said that the existing friendship between the two countries will be further strengthened in future.

Banquet Speeches

BK280345 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 28 Jun 85

[Text] Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo has said that Pakistan and China have common perceptions and aspirations and have consistently upheld the principle of noninterference in other countries' internal affairs. He stated this while speaking at a dinner he hosted at the prime minister's house in Rawalpindi

last night in honor of visiting Chinese Defense Minister Mr Zhang Aiping.

The prime minister said we have fully supported the creation of an environment of peace and stability in the region so that the people in the region can move forward on the road to progress and prosperity. He said Sino-Pakistan cooperation between two sincere friends is opposed to all forms of [words indistinct], hegemonism, and imperialism. The prime minister said our durable ties are above temporary exigencies.

The prime minister said the Chinese defense minister is visiting us at a time when the people of our close neighboring country have taken up arms against the forced ruination and occupation of their country by a superpower. The tragedy facing Afghanistan has created a problem not only for it but also for Pakistan, and we have to look after 3 million Afghan refugees. The prime minister commended China for moral and material support for the Afghan refugees and added that Pakistan is grateful to China for this help.

The prime minister expressed appreciation for China's liberal transfer of technology to Pakistan in support of Pakistan's efforts to become self-sufficient in the field of defense and (?defense) industry.

Chinese Defense Minister Zhang Aiping in his speech commended Pakistan's nonaligned and just policy and said Pakistan has played positive role for creating peace in Asia and the whole world. He reiterated China's support for Pakistan's stand on Afghanistan and said it has won appreciation from all over the world by providing outstanding assistance to the Afghan refugees on humanitarian grounds.

The Chinese defense minister once again emphasized that the cause of world peace and South Asia's stability demands the withdrawal of foreign forces from Afghanistan. He said the Afghan people should be allowed to live their lives according to their own wishes. The Chinese defense minister said Pakistan and China have identical views on many international issues and both are opposed to hegemonism. He said Sino-Pakistan friendship has stood all tests of time and relations between the two governments, people, and armed forces will be further strengthened with the passage of time.

Mr Zhang Aiping commended Pakistan's economic progress and said that under the leadership of President General Mohammad Ziaul Haq, Pakistan has strengthened its economy and achieved progress in all fields.

Senate Chairman Ghulam Ishaq Khan, Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee General Rahimuddin Khan, Vice Chief of Army Staff General K.M. Arif, Navy Chief Admiral Tariq Kamal Khan, Air Force Chief Marshal Ahmed Jamal, Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, Communications Minister Mohyuddin Baluch, and top civil and military officials attended the dinner.

Earlier, the Chinese defense minister called on the prime minister in Rawalpindi last evening. They exchanged views on the present status of bilateral relations between the two countries. The prime minister said Pakistan has always received assistance and help from China for which the government and people of Pakistan are sincerely grateful. The Chinese defense minister said he has come on a visit to Pakistan at a very important juncture of Pakistan's history when an elected government is assuming office. He once again on behalf of the Chinese prime minister invited the Pakistan prime minister to visit China.

Prime Minister Junejo Accepts Invitation to PRC

GF271807 Islamabad THE MUSLIM in English 24 Jun 85 p 1

[Text] Rawalpindi, June 23 -- The ambassador of China in Paksitan Wang Chuanbin called on the prime minister, Muhammad Khan Junejo at the prime minister's house here this evening. The fact that the China's Ambassador is the first head of a foreign diplomatic mission in Pakistan to have been received by the Prime Minister reflects the special relationship existing between the two countries.

The Chinese Ambassador conveyed on behalf of his government the warm felicitations to the Prime Minister on the assumption of the high office of the Prime Minister of Pakistan and wished him every success.

The Ambassador also conveyed on behalf of his government and the Premier the cordial invitation to the Prime Minister to pay an official visit to China. The Prime Minister gladly accepted the invitation and assured the Ambassador that he would undertake the visit at the earliest opportunity.

Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister Arrives for Visit

LD272143 Tehran IRNA in English 1715 GMT 27 Jun 85

[Text] Islamabad, June 27, IRNA — Iran's deputy foreign minister, 'Ali Mohammad Besharati, arrived in Islamabad Thursday on the last leg of his tour to the Indian Subcontinent and was met by Pakistani Foreign Ministry officials. Besharati is carrying a message from President Khamene'i for Pakistani President Ziaul Haq concerning the Iraqi violation of international laws.

Earlier in his tour, Besharati had given similar messages to the presidents of Bangladesh and India.

Meets With President

GF280610 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 28 Jun 85

[Text] The deputy foreign minister of our country, Mr Besharati, arrived in Islamabad yesterday and handed a written message from the president of our country to Pakistani President Ziaul Haq. According to the Central News Unit, Mr Besharati also outlined Iraqi violations of international law such as attacks against civilian areas, the repeated use of chemical weapons, threats against airways, attacks against tankers and commercial shipping, and the bombing of oil terminals and ports in the war against the Islamic Republic of Iran.

He added: We hope that the regime of Iraq is condemned and criticized in order to stop such criminal actions. He stated: As long as international organizations fail to assume a decisive position with respect to the war and fail to condemn Saddam's crimes, our nation will not trust them. He noted the good relations with Iran's neighbors, describing Iran's ties with Pakistan as fraternal.

The Pakistani president thanked Mr Besharati for the message from our president. He condemned attacks against civilian areas and the use of chemical weapons and said that he will do his utmost to stop attacks against cities and the use of chemical weapons. He said that relations between the two countries were very good and that every Pakistani's heart was with the Islamic Republic of Iran, adding that the people of the world praise the resistance of the Iranian people.

Delhi Notes PPP Leaders' Protest Over Hanging

BK270921 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 27 Jun 85

[Text] The chairperson of the Pakistan People's Party, Miss Benazir Bhutto, and other top leaders of the party have criticized the hanging of (Ayaz Shammu), an active member of the party. (Shammu) was executed yesterday on charges of murder, and his mercy petition was rejected by President Zia. Almost all the People's Party leaders who gathered in Karachi have described the hanging as political victimization.

BANGLADESH

Iranian Minister Meets with Official in Dhaka

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[Text] Dhaka, June 27, IRNA — Deputy Martial Law Administrator of Bangladesh Sultan Mahmud met and conferred with Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister 'Ali Mohammad Besharati here Wednesday.

During the meeting, Besharati outlined repeated Iraqi crimes and its infringement of international regulations in the war it has imposed on Iran. He said that Iraq which is awaiting its imminent defeat, is seeking peace while bombing Iranian cities and shedding the blood of innocent civilians.

The Bangladesh official deeply regretted that the war has taken too long, and added that if Iran had been Bangladesh's neighbor, the Iranian would have noticed feelings of the Bangladesh people towards their Islamic Revolution.

Besharati also met and conferred with a number of Bangladesh ministers and discussed with them bilateral cooperation, the new stage of the Iraq-Iran war, and Iran's stance vis-a-vis Iraqi attacks on residential areas.

Departs Dhaka for Islamabad

LD272142 Tehran IRNA in English 1640 GMT 27 Jun 85

[Text] Dhaka, June 27, IRNA — The Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister 'Ali Mohammad Besharati who had come here to present a message from president Khamene'i to his Bangladeshi counterpart, Thursday left for Islamabad, Pakistan. Besharati and his accompaning delegation were seen off by Iranian ambassador to Dhaka and other officials at the airport.

SRI LANKA

Tamil Separatists Issue Conditions for Talks

HK271548 Hong Kong AFP in English 1544 GMT 27 Jun 85

[Text] Madras, India, June 27 (AFP) — Sri Lankan Tamil separatists today said they would not hold talks with Colombo, to take place next month, unless Sri Lanka first confined its troops to their barracks and released political prisoners.

The Eelam National Front (ENLF) said its participation in the talks in Bhutan, announced by the Sri Lankan Government, also depended on Sri Lanka's sincerity in observing a cease-fire begun June 18, and other conditions.

The ENLF comprises the Eelm People's Revolutionary Front (EPRLF), the Tamil Eelm Liberation Organisation (TELO), the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) and the Eelam Revolutionary Organisation of Students (EROS) whose leaders live in self-exile here. They are four of five militant separatist groups that Colombo has said would hold talks with it in the Himalayan kingdom.

An ENLF spokesman today put forward a seven-point demand that he said Colombo must observe if the talks were to go ahead:

Immediate lifting of prohibited and surveillance zones and other prohibitions on people and vehicles in tamil areas in Sri Lanka.

Confining Sri Lankan Armed Forces to barracks and initiating steps to withdraw them from Tamil areas.

Ending state-aided Sinhalese settlements intended to change the demographic profile of traditionally Tamil areas.

Release of political prisoners and cessation of alleged indiscriminate and illegal arrests of Tamil civilians.

Lifting of a state of emergency declared after 1983 ethnic violence.

Lifting the ban on movement of foodgrains and fuel to the Tamil areas.

Appointment of an international commission of inquiry to probe alleged atrocities by Sri Lankan Armed Forces against Tamil civilians.

The spokesman said there was no evidence of the Sri Lankan government implementing these demands. He added that the Indian Government was pressuring militant groups to wind up their operations in India before July 31.

Meanwhile, reliable sources said representatives of the Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF), the main Tamil political party in Sri Lanka, would leave here for New Delhi tomorrow en route to Bahrain. The TULF, which though separatist is a legal party in Sri Lanka, is also to attend the talks in the Himalayan kingdom.

Representatives of the People's Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam (PLOT) — the fifth militant group to attend the talks — and the ENLF are also to leave for Delhi tomorrow on their way to the talks, the sources said. They were expected to meet G. Parthasarathy, adviser to India's policy planning committee, before leaving for Thimpu, the sources said.

Tamil Separatists Shoot Suspected Informer

HK271046 Hong Kong AFP in English 1005 GMT 22 Jun 85

[Text] Colombo, June 27 (AFP) — Tamil separatists today shot dead a suspected informer and left his body at a bus stop, reports here said. The Tamil man, aged over 60, had a bullet hole through his head.

A number of photostat copies of letters allegedly addressed to him by the Sri Lankan Army were pasted up at the bus stop where his body was left in the northern capital of Jaffna, the reports said. The letters reportedly thanked the victim for "information" he allegedly provided to the security forces and expressed "hope you will continue your co-operation."

Deputy Inspector General of Police Thilak Iddamalgoda laid the murder on the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), the oldest and most active Tamil separatist group.

A section of Sri Lanka's 2.5 million Tamil minority are waging a violent campaign for a separate state in the north and east. But fighting has waned in the past two weeks following a three-month ceasefire agreement which the government said had been agreed with five major Tamil separatist groups, including the LTTE.

Reportedly Kidnap Journalist

HK280522 Hong Kong AFP in English 0339 GMT 28 Jun 85

[Text]Colombo, June 28 (AFP) — Militant Tamil separatists are belived to have kidnapped a Sri Lankan journalist probing the killing of an alleged informant in the north, sources said here today.

Cecil Wickremanayake, attached to the largely government-owned English language *DAILY NEWS*, was missing after leaving a security-forces camp in the fort at the northern capital of Jaffna yesterday, high-ranking police sources said. The police soruces told AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE that Mr Wickremanayake had told officers that he had friends in Jaffna and had left the camp with a camera.

Sources in Jaffna said that Mr Wickremanayake had been detained by two men while seeking to take photographs in connection with the killing of a Tamil man there yesterday. The killers were thought to be Tamil militants, the Jaffna sources said. The dead man was shot for allegedly working as an informant. Photocopies of letters allegedly written to him by the army thanking him for his services were reported to have been publicly displayed in Jaffna town, the Jaffna sources said.

Mr Wickremanayake, a senior journalist, went to Jaffna this week with security forces to report on the situation there following a ceasefire which the government says has been agreed to by five major Tamil militant groups.

Mourning for School Principal

HK280810 Hong Kong AFP in English 0747 GMT 28 Jun 85

[Text] Colombo, June 28 (AFP) — All schools in the Jaffna District were closed today and black flags were hoisted, as the northern capital went into mourning for a school principal believed to have been killed by Tamil militants.

Residents told AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE that most shops in Jaffna, the heart of Tamil separatist activity, were also expected to close for the afternoon as a mark of respect for Chelliah Anandarajan, the principal of a Christian missionary school, who was shot while riding his motor scooter Wednesday.

Meanwhile, sources in Colombo said that Militant Tamil separatists were believed to have kidnapped a Sri Lankan journalist probing the killing of a Tamil man, an alleged informant, in the north yesterday. Cecil Wickremanayake, attached to the largely government-owned English language *DAILY NEWS*, was missing after leaving a security-forces camp in the fort at Jaffna yesterday, high-ranking police sources said.

The Education Department agreed to close Jaffna schools, several teachers' organisations and the Jaffna District citizens committee, department sources said.

Mr Anandarajan, 53, who had been head of St Johns College for 10 years, died on the operating table while several of his students and Jaffna residents waited at the hospital to donate blood in a bid to save him. Sources in Jaffna said he was believed to have been killed because he had tried to improve relations between the security forces in the north and the Jaffna public. Mr Anaddarajan had received threatening letters after he arranged sports contacts between the two sides. One cricket match was played, but a planned match between college students and the security forces did not go ahead because of the threats, the sources added.

A Tamil from Jaffna, who asked not to be named, said Mr Anandarajan's "troubles" with the militants began two or three years ago because "he would not allow his school to be used by militants for indoctrination classes." The militants had told the principal that other schools in the area had permitted such classes, but Mr Anandarajan said "that the students had been placed in his charge by their parents. It was his responsibility to guide them," the source said.

Sources in Jaffna said that the missing journalist, Mr Wickremanayake, had been detained by two men while seeking to take photographs in connection with the killing of a Tamil man there yesterday. The killers were thought to be Tamil militants, the Jaffna sources said. The Tamil was shot for allegedly working as an informant. Photocopies of letters allegedly written to him by the army thanking him for his services were reported to have been publicly displayed in Jaffna town, the sources said.

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DAILY NEWS editor Manik de Silva said today he had appealed to the Indian High Commission in Colombo to intervene to secure Mr Wikremanayake's release.

The leaders of the major Tamil separatist militant groups are based in southern India.

Libyan Call for Iraq ICO Expulsion Supported

LD271337 Tehran IRNA in English 1329 GMT 27 Jun 85

[Text] Tehran, June 27, IRNA — A spokesman for the Iranian Foreign Ministry Thursday supported the Libyan call for the expulsion of the Ba'thist regime of Iraq from the Islamic Conference Organization (ICO) and the Arab League. He said it is necessary that all Arab and Muslim countries should pay "serious consideration" to this Libyan proposal.

"The Iraqi Ba'thist regime, through bombarding the massive demonstrations by the Muslim Iranian people on the International Qods Day has revealed its cooperation with the Zionist occupiers and its enmity with the high ideals of Islam," the spokesman said. "The Iraqi regime, by being in league and having unity of action with the Egyptian regime, has trampled upon the highest Arab ideals and has, on numerous ocassions, violated the decisions of Arab and Islamic conferences," he added.

The spokesman, referring to the recent letter of Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati to the secretary general of the ICO which said the presence of Iraq in Islamic conferences and gatherings was a source of shame for all Muslims, asked all Islamic organizations to "seriously consider the expulsion of Iraq."

Majlis Speaker Cables Al-Qadhdhafi on Iraq

LD271738 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 27 Jun 85

[Text] Following the feeble reaction of the Iraqi Zionist regime to the severance of diplomatic relations with the Libyan Jamahiriyah, Majlis Speaker Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani cabled a message to Mr Al-Qadhdhafi, the Libyan leader. The text of the message is as follows:

In His exalted name. Your Excellency Mr Al-Qadhdhafi, leader of the Libyan revolution: I received the news of the severance of relations between the regime ruling over Baghdad and the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriyah. This move has once again proved that the reactionary and affiliated regimes, in accordance with their unpopular and anti-Islamic nature, cannot tolerate progressive, Islamic and revolutionary governments; and that the deep gap between the revolutionary and reactionary forces can be filled only by the realization of the rights of the captive nations. The Iraqi Ba'thist regime's severance of relations with Libya is in fact a last-ditch reaction to the brave stances adopted by your excellency and the revolutionary nation of Libya against imperialism, Zionism and regional reaction.

There is no doubt that the Muslim nation of Iraq appreciates your righteous step, and after its salvation from the evil of this regime, which is affiliated to imperialism, the Iraqi nation will restore strongest links with Libya because of such brave steps.

I hope that through strengthening of the links between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Libyan Jamahiriyah and other progressive countries and revolutionary forces of the region we will witness further disgrace of the reactionary regimes and the fruition of the liberating and anti-imperialist and anti-Zionist movement of the Muslim and oppressed people of the region.

[Signed] Your Brother, Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani, Speaker of the Islamic Majlis

Mr 'Ali Akbar Velayati, minister of foreign affairs of our country, in this connection, in a message sent to the secretary of the General People's Committee for Foreign Liaison of Libya, referring to the breaking of diplomatic relations between the Ba'thist regime of Iraq and Libya and how this had sparked off hopes in the hearts of the Muslims of the world, and especially of the Muslims of the region, stated: The Islamic Republic of Iran, while supporting steadfastly the anti-imperialist and anti-Zionist policies of the Libyan Jamahiriyah nation, hopes that through unity and closer cooperation with the friend and brother country Libya, it can continue its struggle against imperialism and Zionism and their lackeys in the region, with greater decisiveness.

Reportage on Visit of Majlis Speaker to PRC

For Beijing XINHUA English and other PRC media coverage of the visit to the People's Republic of China by Majlis Speaker Hashemi-Rafsanjani and his delegation, including the welcoming ceremonies and talks held with PRC officials, see the Middle East & Africa section of the 27 June China *DAILY REPORT* and subsequent issues.

Prime Minister Musavi Visits University Center

LD271501 Tehran IRNA in English 1010 GMT 27 Jun 85

[Text] Tehran, June 27, IRNA — The university entrance exams began Thursday morning with the nation-wide participation of 444,000 hopeful applicants out of whom 42,000 will be admitted to various universities and colleges in Iran.

Prime Minister Hoseyn Musavi visited one university entrance exam center at Tehran's Martyr Beheshti University and spoke to some of the students taking the exam.

Compared to last year, 5,000 more applicants will be accepted by various universities and colleges this year.

Kuwait Deputies Request Wall on Iraqi Border

LD271831 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 27 Jun 85

[Text] A number of Kuwaiti parliamentary deputies called for the creation of a deep canal and a cement wall along Kuwait's borders with Iraq. According to an IRNA report based on information received, the Iraqi regime recently, without informing the Kuwaiti Government, embarked on mysterious moves in the displacement of its border guards in the Iraqi-Kuwaiti border region and stationed military forces in a region in which it has territorial claims.

According to this report two Kuwaiti parliamentary deputies, putting forward a defensive plan for safeguarding the country's territorial independence and preventing any mysterious move and entry of suspect persons and consignments into Kuwait, called for the excavation of a deep canal along that country's northern, western and southern borders with Iraq.

We would like to point out that according to reliable information received by IRNA, the Iraqi regime, which had meticulously planned to assassinate the amir of Kuwait, in order to achieve that aim stationed a special Ba'th Party operational team in the Kuwaiti post [as heard] and inside the Iraqi Embassy building in that country. However, the terrorist team did not succeed in killing the amir of Kuwait. The plan has been described by the Kuwaiti press as Kuwait's defensive line.

On the other hand according to an IRNA report, the Kuwaiti oil minister announced: Documents and evidence and plans of Kuwait's oil installations were mysteriously stolen recently. Shaykh 'Ali al-Khalifah, Kuwait's minister of oil and finance [position as heard], replying to questions put to him by the country's parliamentary deputies said: The documents and evidence and Kuwait's oil installation plans belonging to this country's oil company were stolen last March-April from the engineering administrative section of the Ahmadi Oil Company. He added: This issue has been handed over to Kuwait's Prosecutor-General's Office for investigation.

Tehran Reports 40 Soviets Killed in Afghanistan

LD272229 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 27 Jun 85

[Text] In a recent clash with Soviet occupation forces in the (?Daruz) valley north of Badakhshan Province Afghan Muslim Revolutionaries killed 40 occupation troops. According to an IRNA report quoting reports received, the clash took place while Soviet forces, in order to maintain their control over the valley, had embarked on attacking the Afghan Muslim revolutionaries. During that attack, the Soviet forces were forced to retreat after suffering heavy losses.

Clash With Kordestan Counterrevolutionaries

LD271230 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 27 Jun 85

[Text] The Hamseh Seyyed al-Shohada Headquarters issued a communique in connection with operations carried out in the Kordestan region. The statement reads in part:

During planned operations, beginning 11 June, on the heights in the northwestern border strip, which are continuing, Islam's combatants succeeded in dealing harsh and crushing blows to the fifth column of Saddam's 'Aflaqite regime. During these victorious operations, 22 hamlets in the region and the important Marvi-Suteh highway in Kordestan Province were cleared of counterrevolutionary elements, and in accordance with the request and the cooperation of the local people, Islam's combatants are now stationed in these regions.

The number of enemy killed and wounded exceeded 100, and an appreciable number of armed counterrevolutionaries were captured by Islam's combatants. During the first 2 months this year [Iranian year beginning 21 March] 441 people duped by the Democratic Party of Kordestan and the Komeleh gave themselves up to the authorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran. They received letters of safe conduct.

Reportage, Comment on Continuing War With Iraq

Velayati Letter on Retaliation

LD271628 Tehran IRNA in English 1530 GMT 27 Jun 85

[Text] Tehran, June 27, IRNA — Foreign Minister Dr 'Ali Akbar Velayati, in a letter to the U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, said Iran reserves the right to retaliate in kind to Iraqi attacks on Iran's residential regions.

In the letter, the text of which was made public Thursday, Velayati assured the U.N. chief that "the Islamic Republic of Iran has never been and will never be the first to start attacks on residential areas and cities, however, we do reserve the right to retaliate in kind."

"On June 14, 1985, which was the International Qods Day, massive demonstrations took place in commemoration of this day in the Islamic Republic of Iran. On this particular day, as you know, the Iraqi regime intensified her attacks on residential areas of our country to the point that had little precedent in the past," Valayati said in his letter. "The lowest estimated number of casualties suffered by this horrendous crime was 600 martyred and wounded," the letter added.

The foreign minister went on to say that these attacks were significant from two points. "Firstly, the attacks were directed against the demonstrators of Qods Day. This way, Iraq not only pursued her policy of massacring the civlian population, but more importantly, she tried to suppress the motive behind these demonstrations which was the emancipation of the holy Qods, a shared ideal for the world Muslims."

"Secondly, immediately after the commission of horrendous crime, the Iraqi regime declared her intention to stop attacks on residential areas. The Iraqi intention was very obvious. It had decided beforehand to suddenly intensify her attacks and then suddenly to declare cease-fire and also designate a date for the resumption of her attacks," Velayati said. "This way, the Iraqi regime, in the worst possible manner, has made a mockery of the international laws and humanitarian principles and particularly ridiculed them," he added.

"Since the outset of the Iraqi invasion, we have given necessary warnings regarding the launching of an international and comprehensive effort against the violation of international laws by Iraq." "The massive demonstration on Qods Day, which showed the determination of the Muslim people to continue defense until the realization of justice and their rights, demonstrated the fact that this determination is not vulnerable to the policy of violating international laws."

Dr Velayati concluded his message by stating that although Iran has never been and will never be the first to start attacks on residential areas and cities, "we do reserve the right to retaliate in kind."

Communique No 2,147

LD271710 Tehran IRNA in English 1644 GMT 27 Jun 85

[Text] Tehran, June 27, IRNA — At least seventy Iraqi troops were either killed or wounded in the battlefronts of the Iraqi-imposed war against Iran, Communique No 2,147 of the Joint Staff Command of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran issued Thursday said.

In the northwestern operational region, exchange of artillery fire went on over the past 24 hours, with the heaviest exchange reported from Sardasht area with the enemy suffering some casualties and damages, the communique added.

On June 26, Iranian forces mounted some new penetrating operations with support fire of Iranian artillery and tanks in the Kani-Sheykh-Bani Banuk axis situated in the general area of Panjwin. In these operations, Iranian units, after crossing minefields and other enemy-installed obstacles, penetrated into enemy positions, killing or wounding at least 50 Iraqi troops and destroying more than 30 bunkers and two ammunition depots, the communique added.

It went on to say that over the same period, exchange of fire continued in the western fronts, where more than 10 Iraqi troops were either killed or wounded and a number of Iraqi tanks and bunkers were destroyed.

The communique further added that over the past 24 hours, enemy attempts to mount aerial aggression in the operational theaters all across the war fronts were thwarted by the accurate anti-aircraft fire of the Iranian forces.

The cities of Abadan and Khorramshahr, in Khuzestan Province, were hit by the long-range artillery of the Iraqi enemy, as a result of which, the oil company general hospital and two houses were damaged.

The combatants of the gendarmerie, on the Arvand River front, killed or wounded more than five Iraqi troops as well as checking the enemy's engineering activities while silencing their guns, the communique concluded.

Attack on Majnun Island Defeated

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[Text] Tehran, June 27, IRNA — Reports reaching Tehran from the Khuzestan Province city of Ahvaz indicate that the Iraqi enemy, in order to cover up its repeated defeats over the past several days, Thursday morning mounted a limited attack in the Majnun Island. The attack was soundly defeated by the combatants of the Islamic Republic of Iran, who inflicted heavy casualties and damages on the Iraqi forces.

POW's: Low Morale in Army

LD272101 Tehran IRNA in English 1320 GMT 27 Jun 85

[Text] Ahvaz, Khuzestan Prov., June 27, IRNA — Iraqi soldiers recently captured said that Iran's Qods operations in the marshlands northeast of Basra devastated the morale of the Iraqi Army. The soldiers who were stationed in the Al-Bayza area of the marshlands said the state of full alert for long periods was a source of constant pressure on the Iraqi troops.

One POW, Latif Matshar Khamis, told IRNA that his officers had considered the ongoing limited Qods operations as the most sensitive of the battles so far. The operations are "continuous and the Iraqi Army has been on alert for more than a month and the mobilization is wearing morale very thin," he said. "No one is sure of his tomorrow."

Another POW, Kazem Hamzeh, expressed similar concerns and said that his former comrades "greatly feared the operations". He said a watchman recently suspected seeing Iranian forces and called on the command. "In one minute all military order was lost and while commanders were trying to line up their units, some of the soldiers were fleeing. The Qods operations have turned the sleep of the commanders into nightmare, because they are being attacked almost every night".

A third POW, a commando called Ali Hassan Husayn of the 68th Brigade said despite constant mobilization, the Iraqis are unable to detect the time and the place of Iranian offensives. Recalling his own experience, he said despite the full alert of the Iraqi forces stationed to the north of the marshlands, they were encircled at one hour past midnight because their scouts had failed to detect the whereabout of the Iranian offensive. The scouts, he said, were equiped with infrared binoculars and radar. The Iranian "rush was something of a miracle", Husayn said.

Groups Leave for War Zones

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[Text] According to a Central News Unit report, during the past 2 days a large group of our mobilization brothers and members of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps from two provinces and 22 cities left for the country's war zones to aid the monotheistic troops in the trenches.

According to the same report these heroes, coming from the provinces of Lorestan and Mazandaran and the cities of Tehran, Qom, Babol Sar, Now Sar, Chalus, (Tonakabon), Esfahan, Najafabad, Khomeynishahr, Falavarjan, Ardestan, Na'in, Zarrin Shahr, Semirom, Qomsheh, Shahanshah, Mobarakiyeh, Daran, Khvonsar, and Qasen, left for the battlefronts amid a warm send-off from their families and fellow citizens.